#### **PATENT**

(Practitioner's Docket No. IN-5212D)

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Timothy S. December

Serial No.: This application is a Divisional of 09/467,256 filed December 20, 1999.

Filed: November 8, 2001

For: PIGMENT DISPERSANTS HAVING ANIONIC FUNCTIONALITY FOR USE IN ANODIC ELECTROCOAT

COMPOSITIONS

Group Art Unit: Not Assigned

**Examiner: Not Assigned** 

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Marjorie Ellis

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN A CONTINUING APPLICATION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

# **AMENDMENTS**

### In the Specification

Please amend the specification by inserting the following before line 1 on page 1:

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This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/467,256 filed December 20, 1999, pending.